

THE EPISTLE OF GROVER.

The Democratic Candidate Presents His Letter of Acceptance.

Which Possesses at Least the Great Merit of Brevity.

He Considers the Party Platform Broad Enough to Stand on.

And Simply Gives His Views On Prominent Questions.

Such as Civil Service Reform, Prohibition and Imported Labor.

But Says not the Least in Reference to the Tariff Question.

A Bid Made for the Votes of the Workingmen of the Country.

ALBANY, August 19.—Governor Cleveland's letter formally accepting the democratic nomination for president of the United States is as follows: Gentlemen—I have received your communication dated July 28, 1884, informing me of my nomination to the office of president of the United States, by the national democratic convention lately assembled at Chicago. I accept the nomination with a grateful appreciation of the

SUPREMACY HONOR CONFERRED, and a solemn sense of the responsibility which, in its acceptance I assume. I have carefully considered the platform adopted by the convention, and cordially approve the same. So plain a statement of democratic faith and the principles upon which that party appeals to the suffrages of the people

NEEDS NO SUPPLEMENT or explanation. It should be remembered that the office of president is essentially executive in its nature. The laws enacted by the legislative branch of the government its chief executive is bound faithfully to enforce, and when the wisdom of the political party which selects one of its members as a nominee for that office has outlined its policy and declared its principles, it is the duty of the president, nothing in the character of the office, or the necessities of the case requiring more from the candidate accepting such nomination, than suggestion of certain well known truths so absolutely vital to the safety and welfare of the nation that they cannot be too often recalled or too seriously enforced. We proudly call ours a government of the people. It is not such when a class is tolerated which arrogates to itself the management of public affairs seeking to control the people instead of representing them. Parties are the necessary outgrowth of our institutions, but a government is not of the people when one party fastens its control upon the country and perpetuates its power, by cajoling and betraying the people instead of serving them.

A government is not by the people, when a selfish class, which is not representative of the will of free and thinking men is or can be determined by the shameful destruction of their suffrages. When an election to office shall be the

SELECTION BY THE VOTERS, of one of their number, to assume for a time a public trust instead of his dedication to the profession of politics, when the holders of the ballot, quickened by a sense of duty, shall average the truth betrayed and pledge broken; and when the people will be able to gather free and unobscured, the full realization of government by the people will be at hand. And of the means to this end, not one would, in my judgment, be more effective than an amendment to our constitution.

DISQUALIFY THE PRESIDENT FROM RE-ELECTION. When we consider the patronage of this great office, the allurements of power, the temptations to retain public place once attained, and, more than all, the availability of a party finds in an incumbent when a horde of office holders with a zeal born of benefits received, and fostered by hopes of favors yet to come, stand ready to add with money and trained political service; we recognize in the president's eligibility to re-election a most serious danger to the country, and we earnestly urge a government by the people.

A true American sentiment recognizes the DIGNITY OF LABOR, and the fact that honor lies in honest toil. Contented labor is an element of national prosperity. Ability to work constitutes the capital; the wages of labor the income of a vast number of our population; and this interest should be jealously protected. Our working men are not asking unreasonable indulgence, but as intelligent and manly citizens they seek the same considerations which those demand who have other interests at stake. They should receive their full share of care and attention as those who make and execute the laws that the wants and needs of the employers and the employed shall alike be subserved, and the prosperity of the country be advanced.

IMPORTED LABOR. As related to this subject, while we should not discourage the emigration of those who come to acknowledge allegiance to our government, and add to our citizen population; yet, as a means of protection to our workingmen, different rules should prevail concerning those who, if they come or are brought to our land, do not intend to become Americans, but who injuriously compete with those justly entitled to our field of labor.

LABOR SHOULD BE PROTECTED. In a letter accepting the nomination to the office of governor nearly two years ago, I made the following statement to which I have steadily adhered: "The laboring classes constitute the main part of our population. They should be protected in their efforts peacefully to assert their rights when endangered by aggregate capital; and all statutes on this subject should recognize the care of the state for honest toil and should be framed with a view to improving the condition of the workingmen." A proper regard for the

WELFARE OF THE WORKINGMEN is inseparably connected with the integrity of our institutions. None of our citizens are more interested than they in guarding against any corrupting influences which seek to pervert

the beneficent purposes of our government and none should be more watchful of the artful schemes of those who allure them to self-interest.

PROHIBITORY LAWS. In a free country the curtailment of the absolute rights of the individual should only be such as is essential to the peace and good order of the community. The limit between the proper subjects of governmental control and those which can be more fittingly left to the moral sense and self-imposed restraint of the citizen should be carefully kept in view. Thus, laws unnecessarily interfering with the habits and customs of any of our people, which are not offensive to the moral sentiments of the civilized world, and which are consistent with good citizenship and the public welfare, are unwise and vexatious.

THE TRANSPORTATION QUESTION. The commerce of a nation to a great extent determines its supremacy. Cheap and easy transportation should therefore be liberally fostered within the limits of the constitution. The general government should so improve and protect the natural waterways as will enable the producers of the country to reach a profitable market.

CIVIL SERVICE REFORM. The people pay the wages of the public employ, and they are entitled to the fair and honest work which the money thus paid should command. It is the duty of those entrusted with the management of public affairs to see that such public service is forthcoming. The selection and retention of subordinates in government employment should depend upon the fitness of the man, and the value of his work, and they should be neither expected nor allowed to do questionable party service. The interests of the people will be better protected; the estimate of public labor and duty will be immensely improved; public employment will be open to all who

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MARKET FLUCTUATIONS.

Record of the Transactions in the Chicago Market Yesterday.

A Fair Demand for Wheat and Oats and Corn Stronger.

Pork Rules Easier and Lard Ranges Irregularly.

A Very Dull Day for Cattle, and Prices Score a Decline.

The Demand for Hogs Also of a Very Limited Nature.

General State of the Market in Cereals and Stock.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE PRESS. CHICAGO, August 19.—There was greater activity in trading this today, and prices generally were stronger.

WHEAT. There was a fair amount of trading during the most of the session and prices averaged higher. The market opened 1/2 to 1/4 higher, and advanced 3/4 under fair demand, then eased off 1/4 to 1/2 and rallied again and closed on regular basis 1/4 to 1/2 over yesterday.

On the afternoon board prices receded 1/4 to 1/2, closing at 79 1/2 for September, 81 for October; 82 1/2 for November and 84 for December.

CORN. The feeling in corn was decidedly stronger, with higher prices all around. Prices advanced 1/4 to 1/2 for various futures, receding 1/4 to 1/2 and closing 1/2 to 1/4 higher than yesterday.

On the afternoon board prices receded 1/4 to 1/2, closing at 52 1/2 for August, 52 for September, 50 1/2 for October and 46 for November.

OATS. The market was rather dull, and prices closed at 25 for August and September and 25 1/2 for October.

PORK. The market was rather dull, and prices closed at 27 00 for August, 21 50 to 22 00 for September, 20 00 to 20 25 for October, 15 50 for August.

LARD. The market was rather dull, and prices closed at 7 1/2 for August, 7 1/2 for September, 7 1/2 for October.

CATTLE. The estimated receipts for the day were 7,000 against 5,221 for last Tuesday, making about 15,000 for the week. The general market was rather dull, and prices closed 1/2 to 1/4 lower than yesterday.

The best sales during the morning on the market were for three year old steers, and there was a fair demand for packing grades making equally as high prices yesterday. Steers were at 5 50 to 6 00 for sorted light, 5 80 to 6 55 for heavy, with bulk at about 5 40 to 6 50.

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